

VAST DRAINAGE SCHEME ON FOOT

It Is Proposed to Reclaim Thousands of Acres of Mattamuskeet Lake.

MAKE VALUABLE LAND

If Project Is Successful It Will Mean Much to Board of Education.

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RICHMOND, N. C., April 12.—The State Board of Education to-day received from Engineer W. E. Hearn, of the Bureau of Soil Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, a report of a soil survey of Mattamuskeet Lake, in Hyde county, for the drainage of which there is a movement on foot now that promises to materialize. There are 60,000 acres of land under water in the lake, the average depth being seven feet. Altogether about 30,000 acres will be reclaimed for cultivation through the successful draining of the lake. Expert opinion is that the lands thus made available for agriculture will be about the most fertile anywhere in America. The drainage will have to be effected through pumping plants, and there is just a possibility that Mattamuskeet is fed by some underground stream from one or another of the lakes a little further inland. If this is the case the drainage will be very much more difficult. The Board of Education will decide very soon whether or not the State will undertake this drainage scheme.

It is deemed best not to undertake it there is a standing offer of \$50,000 for the 60,000 acres covered by the lake, the private corporation then to undertake the draining of the lands on its own account, in conjunction with the adjacent landowners to be benefited. In that event the provisions of the State drainage act passed by the last Legislature will be called into operation. In fact, that will apply to any event, whether the State Board of Education or the private corporation undertakes the work. In the event of successful drainage the lands drained will certainly command not less than \$100 per acre, and possibly more. For this reason the State Board is very much inclined to the idea of the State carrying through the drainage scheme.

Holiday for First Time.
North Carolina for the first time to-day observed April 12 as a legal holiday, in commemoration of the famous Halifax Resolves, leading up to the Revolutionary War. The act creating this holiday was passed by the last Legislature at the instance of Senator J. L. Davis, of Halifax county. The State offices were all closed.

Charter Issued.
A charter is issued for the Pomona

We have ten or twelve Pianos of good make for sale at about half price.

Pianos that cost \$250 to \$600 when new can be purchased this week for from \$150 to \$300.

These Pianos have all been through our factory repair department, and are in the best of order. Some of them have only been used a short time, and were exchanged for our Inner-Player Piano.

These are Piano Bargains of the first class, and they will go to wide-awake purchasers.

Cable Piano Co.
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Mills (Inc.), of Greensboro, authorized capital \$150,000 and that subscribed \$50,000, by J. E. Latham, R. P. Whorton, T. A. Hunter, W. C. Boren and J. Van Linder. The new corporation intends to take over the well-known Pomona Cotton Mills, which will be sold under bankruptcy proceedings April 27.

Declines His Sentence.
Earl Cotton, son of Dr. A. T. Cotton, a prominent physician of this city, celebrated Easter Monday by beginning his thirty years' sentence in the penitentiary for the murder of Dr. E. W. Smith, of Richmond, here last November. Cotton is twenty-eight years old, and has insisted since conviction until now that he would have an appeal to the Supreme Court, in spite of the opposition of his father and counsel for the defense. He had declared that he would press the appeal without a lawyer and plead his own case in the highest tribunal before he would acquiesce in the thirty-year sentence. His counsel and father were fearful that even if a new trial were granted through an appeal, a second jury might find a first instead of a second degree verdict, which would mean a death sentence for the prisoner.

Convict Escapes.
Oscar Wade, a negro serving three years from Greene county, has escaped from the convict camp at Selma, and the prison authorities are offering the usual reward of \$25 and expenses for his recapture. He was convicted of larceny and housebreaking.

Women's Secrets

There is one man in the United States who has perhaps heard more women's secrets than any other man or woman in the country. These secrets are not secrets of guilt or shame, but the secrets of suffering, and they have been confided to Dr. R. V. Pierce in the hope and expectation of advice and help. That few of these women have been disappointed in their expectations is proved by the fact that ninety-eight per cent. of all women treated by Dr. Pierce have been absolutely and altogether cured. Such a record would be remarkable if the cases treated were numbered by hundreds only. But when that record applies to the treatment of more than half a million women, in a practice of over 40 years, it is phenomenal, and entitles Dr. Pierce to the gratitude accorded him by women, as the first of specialists in the treatment of women's diseases.

Every sick woman may consult Dr. Pierce by letter, absolutely without charge. All replies are mailed, sealed in perfectly plain envelopes, without any printing or advertising whatever, upon them. Write without fear as with-out fee, to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, Dr. R. V. Pierce, Pres., Buffalo, N. Y.

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Indigestion and Dyspepsia are often simple little matters at first, but if neglected, will soon cause much pain and distress. Pretty nearly every disease that afflicts humanity is largely due to indigestion; at least, indigestion is the beginning of the trouble. The only way to restore health is to remove indigestion with Kodol. Every table-spoonful digests 24 pounds of food. Every one knows that people must eat to live, and if they would eat plain food in moderation, there would be little need for doctors and drug stores; but all of us occasionally, and many of us constantly, eat not only too much, but swallow rich food that the stomach cannot digest.

The food ferments, gas fills the stomach, and undigested lumps of food become indurated. That's where chronic and nervous dyspepsia comes in. Now, what is to be done? Simply this: Give the stomach rest; help it to do its work. The only sure way to do this is to give the stomach Kodol. This is a true because Kodol is the only preparation that supplies the same digestive juices that nature found in a healthy, vigorous stomach. Just as soon as Kodol goes down to the undigested food, it starts proper digestion and the food is assimilated without pain. Our Guarantee: Get a dollar bottle of Kodol. If you are not benefited, the druggist will at once return your money. Don't hesitate. Any druggist will sell you Kodol on these terms. The dollar bottle contains 2 1/2 times as much as the 50-cent bottle. Kodol is prepared in the laboratories of Dr. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago.

Owing to the factories being rushed with work nearly all of them made a full day's holiday on Easter Monday. The people who worked on Easter Monday in Lynchburg.

CHIEF IN QUANDARY.
He Wants to Make Changes, But Civil Service Prevents.

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NORFOLK, VA., April 12.—The question of civil service is agitating the city officials and city fathers. It is a charter provision, in so far as it pertains to the police department, that the chief of police has the right to make appointments and the desire of the present administration to make changes in the former department, being handicapped by the law, is causing all of the trouble.

In other words, Chief Kizer wants to reorganize the department, and a little excitement has been caused by the fact that the civil service law can be evaded. Under its provisions there are no officers for the positions except the incumbent.

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This morning the ground was covered with fallen blossoms. The thermometer fell to 20 degrees and ice formed more than one inch thick. Early gardens have also been ruined. Fruit men believe apples are safe. Many will feel the loss heavily in this section.

Several years ago Frederick county alone produced 150,000 bushels of peaches, the largest quantity of any county in Virginia.

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